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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Inspection of the Office of Basic Intelligence (DD/I)

1. This memorandum is for your information only and pertains to the survey of the Office of Basic Intelligence which is forwarded herewith. In this instance the survey was forwarded to OBI through DD/I at the time of completion, 29 May 1958. Their comments have been received and will be forwarded.

2. The present inspection of the Office of Basic Intelligence was performed at the specific request of the DD/I. No previous inspection had been conducted of OBI since it became an independent office. However, it was in effect inspected at the time that it was a division in ORR. Therefore this constitutes what is essentially a re-survey.

3. In summary, the inspection finds that the Office of Basic Intelligence is properly set up for the coordinated production of the National Intelligence Surveys. It is being effectively managed and is accomplishing its assigned objectives. The NIS program, though costing the Intelligence Community a sizeable amount of money and utilizing the services of a large number of individuals, is nevertheless an essential activity. It would have been possible in this survey to have set forth several different alternatives for accomplishing the same

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that this would have been unproductive in view of the immense investment already made in the NIS program and the obvious indications of its value.

4. We wish to acknowledge the full and complete cooperation of all of the personnel of the Office of Basic Intelligence, as well as the DD/I's immediate office, in assisting us to make this inspection.

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Inspector General

cc: DDCI (w/survey)
DD/I (previously forwarded survey)
AD/BI via DD/I (previously forwarded survey)

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